

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 were previously pending in the present application. Claims 4 and 21 have been cancelled, leaving Claims 1-3 and 5-20 pending and at issue. Of the remaining claims, Claims 17 and 20 have been amended.

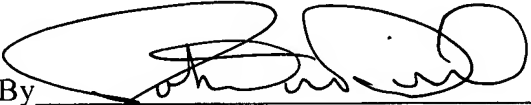
The current Office Action indicates formal amendments to claims 17 and 20 would place the same in condition for allowance. Such amendments have been made. Claims 1-3 and 5-19 have been indicated as allowable. Accordingly, all pending claims should now be in condition for allowance.

The Office Action has also rejected Claim 21 as being anticipated by Brocking et al. In response, Claim 21 has been cancelled.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of all claims and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Should any formalities remain which can be corrected by Examiner's amendment, Applicant requests that the undersigned be contacted by phone in order to expedite the prosecution of the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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